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TO: DTR

FROM:

Attached is a copy of the memorandum which is designed to see that a Special Working Group is organized to review the National Interdepartmental Seminar. I understand that the memo is now on Under Secretary Irwin's desk awaiting his action.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

NSC UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Administrator, Agency for International Development
The Director, United States Information Agency
The Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget

FROM: U - John N. Irwin II

SUBJECT: Review of the National Interdepartmental Seminar

The Committee on Training of the National Interdepartmental Seminar has requested the NSC Under Secretaries Committee to review the Seminar's operations and to determine its effectiveness as a forum for interdepartmental training and education in the coordination of policy, plans and operations in foreign affairs matters.

The National Interdepartmental Seminar on Problems of development and Internal Defense was established on March 13, 1962 by NSAM 131 and subsequently made responsible to the NSC Under Secretaries Committee. It became known informally as the Counterinsurgency Course, although the curriculum has covered many other problems which affect U. S. policy and operations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. While the Seminar has undergone a number of changes since 1962, its purposes, organization, and curriculum have never been reviewed by the present authorizing body.

In order to insure that this interdepartmental effort functions in a manner which meets the needs of all of the participating agencies, I have asked Deputy Under Secretary Macomber to organize a Special Working Group to address itself

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to this question and to make appropriate recommendations to the Under Secretaries Committee. The Special Working Group should include senior representatives from the addressee organizations.

I am asking that the results of this review be made available to the Under Secretaries Committee by March 1, 1971.

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Committee to review the National Interdepartmental Seminar:

Robert Pranger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy and Planning, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Brig. General Leroy J. Manor, USAF, SACSA (Special Assistant Counterinsurgency and Special Activities), Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Stanley D. Moss, Office of Career Management and Training, USIA

Russell S. McClure, FSR-1, who has served most recently as Mission Director for AID in Jordan and Afghanistan

Howard E. Sollenberger, Acting Director of the Foreign Service Institute, State Department

Howard Haugerud, Chairman, National Interdepartmental Seminar, State Department

John I. Getz, Special Assistant, Office of the Undersecretary for Political Affairs, State Department.

Hugh T. Cunningham, Director of Training, CIA